

<div>1</div> <div>1 COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE</div> <div>2</div> <div>3 HELD:</div> <div>4 Monday, June 8, 2015</div> <div>5</div> <div>6 TIME:</div> <div>7 7:00 P.M.</div> <div>8</div> <div>9 LOCATION:</div> <div>10 DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER</div> <div>11 1414 Monroe Avenue</div> <div>12 Dunmore, Pennsylvania</div> <div>13 C O U N C I L M E M B E R S:</div> <div>14 MICHAEL MCHALE, President</div> <div>15 PAUL NARDOZZI, Vice President</div> <div>16 SAL VERRASTRO</div> <div>17 TIMOTHY BURKE</div> <div>18 CAROL SCRIMALLI</div> <div>19 THOMAS HALLINAN</div> <div>20 MICHAEL DEMPSEY</div> <div>21 THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor - absent</div> <div>22</div> <div>23</div> <div>24 MARIA McCOOL, RPR</div> <div>25 OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER</div>	<div>3</div> <div>1 MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.</div> <div>2 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.</div> <div>3 MR. BURKE: Present.</div> <div>4 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.</div> <div>5 MR. VERRASTRO: Present.</div> <div>6 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Dempsey.</div> <div>7 MR. DEMPSEY: Present.</div> <div>8 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.</div> <div>9 MR. HALLINAN: Here.</div> <div>10 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Nardozzi.</div> <div>11 MR. NARDOZZI: Here.</div> <div>12 MR. MCHALE: Mr. McHale is here. Is</div> <div>13 there any comment -- public comment on agenda</div> <div>14 items tonight?</div> <div>15 (No response.)</div> <div>16 MR. MCHALE: Seeing none. Motion to</div> <div>17 approve the minutes of the prior meeting.</div> <div>18 MR. VERRASTRO: I'll make that</div> <div>19 motion.</div> <div>20 MR. BURKE: Second.</div> <div>21 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and</div> <div>22 second. On the question.</div> <div>23 (No response.)</div> <div>24 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor</div> <div>25 signify by saying aye.</div>
<div>2</div> <div>1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)</div> <div>2</div> <div>3 MR. MCHALE: We don't have Mr.</div> <div>4 Cummings here tonight. So please indulge me.</div> <div>5 I'll try to get through this as quick as I can.</div> <div>6 We are going to take on the agendas that were</div> <div>7 passed out tonight number nine is going to be</div> <div>8 deleted.</div> <div>9 We'll explain that a little bit</div> <div>10 more. Well, I'll explain it. The noise</div> <div>11 ordinance -- this was put on. PennDOT</div> <div>12 requested this. We really just want to get</div> <div>13 some more information before we waive our noise</div> <div>14 ordinance, maybe put a couple curves in there</div> <div>15 whether they can work at certain times and not</div> <div>16 disrupt the neighborhood, try to minimize the</div> <div>17 inconvenience for the neighbors that are going</div> <div>18 to be affected by the work.</div> <div>19 And in its place, we're going to</div> <div>20 make a motion -- put another thing in, I</div> <div>21 apologize -- make a motion to approve the</div> <div>22 purchase of a vehicle for the Code Office. And</div> <div>23 it's not to exceed \$27,000. So that will take</div> <div>24 the place at number nine. So start with the</div> <div>25 roll call. Mrs. Scrimalli.</div>	<div>4</div> <div>1 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.</div> <div>2 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?</div> <div>3 (No response.)</div> <div>4 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so</div> <div>5 moved. Motion to approve and pay the open</div> <div>6 bills.</div> <div>7 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll make that</div> <div>8 motion.</div> <div>9 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll second.</div> <div>10 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a</div> <div>11 second. On the question.</div> <div>12 (No response.)</div> <div>13 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor</div> <div>14 signify by saying aye.</div> <div>15 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.</div> <div>16 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?</div> <div>17 (No response.)</div> <div>18 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so</div> <div>19 moved. Number six personnel matters, first</div> <div>20 we'll go to the Summer Program. Every year we</div> <div>21 have a Summer Program at the three parks in the</div> <div>22 Borough. This one owned by the Borough and St.</div> <div>23 Anthony's and Sherwood Park.</div> <div>24 We're going to do it again this</div> <div>25 year. We have a listing of employees that some</div>

<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>1 are returning, some are new that we're going to</p> <p>2 approve tonight pending their clearance checks</p> <p>3 by the police department. So I'll take a</p> <p>4 motion to approve the Summer Program hires.</p> <p>5 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that</p> <p>6 motion.</p> <p>7 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.</p> <p>8 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a</p> <p>9 second. On the question.</p> <p>10 (No response.)</p> <p>11 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor</p> <p>12 signify by saying aye.</p> <p>13 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.</p> <p>14 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?</p> <p>15 (No response.)</p> <p>16 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so</p> <p>17 moved. Second personnel matter is a part-time</p> <p>18 police officer Corey A. Lucas. This is just to</p> <p>19 add him to the available part-time personnel</p> <p>20 for the Chief to schedule. I'll look for a</p> <p>21 motion.</p> <p>22 MR. HALLINAN: I'll make that</p> <p>23 motion.</p> <p>24 MR. DEMPSEY: Second it.</p> <p>25 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion and a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>1 vehicles. The Chief is requested six which</p> <p>2 includes a new Chief's vehicle as well. This</p> <p>3 is a payment in arrears. It's a lease. It's a</p> <p>4 lease purchase agreement.</p> <p>5 So if there's a bargain purchase op</p> <p>6 at the end of it. So it's in theory a three</p> <p>7 year purchase of these vehicles similar to</p> <p>8 what we did last year, same company is building</p> <p>9 them, same finance company as well. And they</p> <p>10 are all on COSTARS as well.</p> <p>11 So they are competitively bid by the</p> <p>12 State and we're allowed to use these guys like</p> <p>13 this. Anything else? We do have a plethora of</p> <p>14 old vehicles, some of which are no longer</p> <p>15 running. And there will be a public auction</p> <p>16 for those in the near future as well.</p> <p>17 As soon as we get these which I</p> <p>18 think Chief anticipated a month to two months.</p> <p>19 So I have a motion. Anybody else on the</p> <p>20 question?</p> <p>21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Can I say</p> <p>22 something?</p> <p>23 MR. MCHALE: Nope. Anybody else on</p> <p>24 the question?</p> <p>25 (No response.)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>1 second. On the question.</p> <p>2 (No response.)</p> <p>3 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor</p> <p>4 signify by saying aye.</p> <p>5 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.</p> <p>6 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?</p> <p>7 (No response.)</p> <p>8 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so</p> <p>9 moved. Number seven, motion to approve the</p> <p>10 purchase of six new police vehicles from</p> <p>11 Kovatch Ford, Incorporated.</p> <p>12 The terms that we propose to accept</p> <p>13 is \$20,000 down payment, payment in arrears for</p> <p>14 \$74,517.29 for three years at 3.06 percent</p> <p>15 interest. I'll look for a motion.</p> <p>16 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that</p> <p>17 motion, Mr. Chairman.</p> <p>18 MR. HALLINAN: I'll second it.</p> <p>19 MR. MCHALE: We have a motion and a</p> <p>20 second. On the question. Quickly to explain,</p> <p>21 we're required to buy new vehicles for our</p> <p>22 police department when they hit a certain</p> <p>23 amount per the union contract.</p> <p>24 We're coming up on a few of them.</p> <p>25 We -- last time we bought four or five</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>1 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor</p> <p>2 signify by saying aye.</p> <p>3 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.</p> <p>4 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?</p> <p>5 (No response.)</p> <p>6 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so</p> <p>7 moved. I apologize, sir, at this time we don't</p> <p>8 take comments. We'll take another comment</p> <p>9 right after the end of this.</p> <p>10 Number eight, a motion to approve</p> <p>11 and accept a professional service contract</p> <p>12 between the Borough of Dunmore and Ufberg and</p> <p>13 Associates, LLP, for labor Council matters.</p> <p>14 MR. DEMPSEY: I'll make that motion.</p> <p>15 MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.</p> <p>16 MR. MCHALE: We have a motion and a</p> <p>17 second. On the question. Michael, do you want</p> <p>18 to address this or do you want me to talk about</p> <p>19 it quick?</p> <p>20 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah. Over the</p> <p>21 years -- I haven't been here that long. But</p> <p>22 over the years we haven't been that</p> <p>23 enthusiastic about our representation in the</p> <p>24 past. So we wanted to go a different way.</p> <p>25 Bob Ufberg and his firm comes highly</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>1 recommended. Myself being in that position or</p> <p>2 at least a colleague of his, I don't do a lot</p> <p>3 of work with him but, you know, same area of</p> <p>4 business I don't particularly do labor law.</p> <p>5 But he comes extremely highly recommended.</p> <p>6 He met with us. He came up here,</p> <p>7 you know, he's gone over our contract. He's</p> <p>8 given us some great ways to, you know, that he</p> <p>9 could help us over the years. We understand</p> <p>10 it's not going to be short term fix for all the</p> <p>11 problems that had happened in the past with</p> <p>12 arbitrations.</p> <p>13 But we're hoping that he could help</p> <p>14 us move forward in a different direction. So I</p> <p>15 think he's the right way to go.</p> <p>16 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mr. Dempsey.</p> <p>17 Anybody else on the question? All those in</p> <p>18 favor --</p> <p>19 MR. DEMPSEY: One last thing I want</p> <p>20 to say.</p> <p>21 MR. MCHALE: Sure. Please.</p> <p>22 MR. DEMPSEY: Bob -- his law firm</p> <p>23 does -- it's only labor law. He represents,</p> <p>24 you know, dozens of different municipalities.</p> <p>25 That's all his law firm is focused on. They</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>1 motion.</p> <p>2 MR. MCHALE: I have a motion.</p> <p>3 MR. DEMPSEY: Second.</p> <p>4 MR. MCHALE: I have a second. On</p> <p>5 the question. Just for the public's knowledge,</p> <p>6 the Code Office had a vehicle for years. This</p> <p>7 is coming out of the Code Office account which</p> <p>8 is with all the stuff going on at Marywood, not</p> <p>9 saying that there's a surplus; but we find it</p> <p>10 budgetary feasible to bring out a vehicle for</p> <p>11 these guys.</p> <p>12 They have been using their own cars</p> <p>13 and not looking for reimbursement. But it's --</p> <p>14 you know, our Counsel has said that it could be</p> <p>15 a liability to us. So we're going to try to</p> <p>16 move forward with this. They looked through</p> <p>17 two COSTARS companies.</p> <p>18 And we're trying to negotiate down</p> <p>19 the best price for one of these vehicles. So</p> <p>20 this will give authority to Vito and Attorney</p> <p>21 Cummings to finalize a purchase prior to next</p> <p>22 meeting. So anybody else on the question?</p> <p>23 MR. VERRASTRO: What was the number</p> <p>24 we're going to -- the approximate number?</p> <p>25 MR. MCHALE: Twenty-seven. Anybody</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>1 have no other practice other than labor</p> <p>2 matters. So I just wanted to make sure I got</p> <p>3 that out.</p> <p>4 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely. Anybody</p> <p>5 else on the question?</p> <p>6 MR. VERRASTRO: We'll send a letter</p> <p>7 of thanks to the old --</p> <p>8 MR. MCHALE: Lars Anderson.</p> <p>9 MR. VERRASTRO: Lars Anderson and</p> <p>10 Mr. Goldberg for the time that they spent with</p> <p>11 us.</p> <p>12 MR. MCHALE: Absolutely.</p> <p>13 MR. VERRASTRO: Thank you.</p> <p>14 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else?</p> <p>15 (No response.)</p> <p>16 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor</p> <p>17 signify by saying aye.</p> <p>18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.</p> <p>19 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?</p> <p>20 (No response.)</p> <p>21 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so</p> <p>22 moved. Number nine restated, motion to approve</p> <p>23 the purchase of a vehicle for the Code Office</p> <p>24 not to exceed \$27,000.</p> <p>25 MR. NARDOZZI: I'll make that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>1 else on the question?</p> <p>2 (No response.)</p> <p>3 MR. MCHALE: All those in favor</p> <p>4 signify by saying aye.</p> <p>5 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.</p> <p>6 MR. MCHALE: Opposed?</p> <p>7 (No response.)</p> <p>8 MR. MCHALE: The ayes have it and so</p> <p>9 moved. Mr. Hetman.</p> <p>10 MR. HETMAN: Good evening as always,</p> <p>11 ladies and gentlemen, Gerard Hetman from</p> <p>12 Lackawanna County. Good to see you. To begin</p> <p>13 this evening, the first item we'll talk about</p> <p>14 is the one that comes up every year in the</p> <p>15 summer months we get many questions as to when</p> <p>16 it starts and when the schedule falls in place</p> <p>17 for it and that is the distribution of the</p> <p>18 Farmer's Market nutritional vouchers.</p> <p>19 This is a program that's run through</p> <p>20 the State Department of Agriculture in</p> <p>21 Pennsylvania and administered at the county</p> <p>22 level to the various Area Agency on Agings</p> <p>23 across the Commonwealth.</p> <p>24 So in Lackawanna County the Area</p> <p>25 Agency on Aging will distribute the vouchers.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>1 And these are for seniors to be able to go to 2 the local farmer's markets and redeem those 3 vouchers for fresh fruits and produce. 4 We have a schedule here the dates 5 that those will be distributed on. They begin 6 at 9 a.m. on at the dates specified here on the 7 sheet. And it ends whenever the supply of 8 vouchers runs out. It is a first come, first 9 serve operation. 10 The date is closest for you folks it 11 would be right here at the Dunmore Senior 12 Center. It would be Tuesday, July 14th. There 13 are a plethora of other dates. And folks can 14 go to any drop-off site in the county. It 15 doesn't have to be the one closest to them. 16 This one obviously will be 17 convenient for most of the folks here and for 18 your friends and relatives. People do have to 19 provide proof of age, driver's license or birth 20 certificate, any type of official document with 21 a person's age on it and also their address. 22 They could be a utility bill, 23 anything that was mailed to them that says 24 where they live just so that they could prove 25 that they live in Lackawanna County.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>1 to 5 p.m., free and open to the public. We 2 have approximately 60 to 70 private sector 3 employers come in and speak about their jobs 4 that are available to the public. 5 There are, of course, full time 6 opportunities that are talked about but also 7 part time positions for anyone that may be a 8 student looking for summer work or maybe a 9 senior looking for something to supplement 10 retirement and then also internships and 11 seasonal opportunities. 12 We ask them to bring everything and 13 talk about everything that they may have in 14 their company. So we see a variety of the 15 different industries represented. We have 16 folks from near and far that come, Binghamton, 17 Williamsport, Stroudsburg. You name it. 18 And lots of close folks also. So 19 anyone that's looking for a job, again any 20 students or anyone looking summer work is more 21 than welcome. And lastly we'll leave you our 22 application for what we call the Commissioner's 23 Task Force on the big idea concept. 24 We talked about it a little bit last 25 month. Our three particular ideas that have</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>1 MR. HALLINAN: Do you have a flier 2 for this? 3 MR. HETMAN: Yep. We'll give it to 4 you. 5 MR. HALLINAN: Okay. 6 MR. HETMAN: With that, they also if 7 someone can't come themselves, they could fill 8 out what they call a proxy form which is 9 available from the Area Agency on Aging. And 10 there's a phone number on here. 11 The Area on Aging asks that someone 12 using a proxy call them to notify them what 13 person will be going to pick up the vouchers 14 for them and that person has to sign a sheet 15 that day saying that they picked up the 16 vouchers for the person who is a senior 17 citizen. It's a well-known program and we'll 18 be happy to leave it here for you. 19 After that, one of our initiatives 20 comes up later this month which is our third 21 annual Lackawanna County Job Fair. This is the 22 same drill we've done the last two years. It's 23 at PNC Field on the upper concourse level. So 24 rain or shine we'll have the event. 25 It's Thursday, June 18th from 1 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>1 been pitched with Commissioners at conferences 2 and in letters to our offices, letters to the 3 editor. The forming of the Task Force reaching 4 these three ideas to discuss them and maybe get 5 some community experts together to see if they 6 are feasible to do here in Lackawanna County 7 and the surrounding area. 8 One deals with the recreation of the 9 Lackawanna County Fair or I should say the 10 creation since we never had one before. Also 11 one dealing with what we call a Steam School 12 science, technology, engineering, arts, and 13 math. 14 And lastly making Lackawanna County 15 some type of destination point, a development 16 of perhaps an amusement park or some other type 17 of activity for business that would lure people 18 here for overnight stays. So our deadline that 19 we're asking for is approximately by the 12th 20 of June. 21 So there's still a little bit of 22 time left. And it's open-ended. So there's 23 no firm deadline. We do want to start -- get 24 this committee meeting later this month. So if 25 anyone is interested in those, feel free to let</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>1 them know and then contact our office and we 2 welcome their input. That's all we have. 3 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, sir. 4 MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. 5 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thanks, Gerard. 6 MR. HALLINAN: Gerard, the vouchers 7 for the food vouchers, is there an age on that? 8 What's the -- 9 MR. HETMAN: People have to be 60 10 years of age or older. 11 MR. HALLINAN: And no income level? 12 MR. HETMAN: There are income 13 levels. How it works is they -- when people 14 come to pick them up, they have to sign a form 15 attesting that they're -- 16 MR. HALLINAN: Okay. 17 MR. HETMAN: The income that comes 18 in here and they're federal income criteria 19 guidelines. 20 MR. HALLINAN: Okay. 21 MR. HETMAN: Single people, 21,775 22 annual income per household. Married folks 23 would be 29,471, and a three person household 24 would be \$37,167. It's a self declaration 25 statement. It's asking that your gross income</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>1 Street, the neighbor that's got the concern 2 wants to remain anonymous. She doesn't want to 3 get into a war. But 516 Fourth Street is an 4 apartment house. 5 I sent photos to Vito and Joe 6 Lorince. She sent me a series of photos. The 7 photos sent by the neighbor states -- and this 8 is a quote. It's an apartment building. They, 9 the tenants of this apartment building are 10 using it as a business. 11 There are vehicles being repaired 12 Monday through Saturday. They are starting 13 8:30 a.m. The back alley -- these are all 14 quotes -- is where everything is taking place. 15 The odor of gas and noise all day is 16 unbearable. 17 She sent me photos today when I got 18 home. Now they have a boat rammed in the back 19 of this house and they are doing boat repair. 20 So I doubt that it's set up as a garage. But 21 there's a lot of stuff going on there. And 22 it's not just -- this is the neighbor who is 23 contacting me. 24 I have other neighbors come to me 25 and call at the house which is exactly what we</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>1 is at or below the Federal income levels. I 2 don't think they actually ask for a tax return 3 or anything. They just ask that you do it on 4 your honor attesting to that. 5 MR. HALLINAN: Okay. 6 MR. HETMAN: Thank you. 7 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Duncan. 8 MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton 9 Street. Before I start, Mr. McHale, I don't 10 know -- the hearing's going maybe -- the 11 vehicle for the car, did you say \$27,000? 12 MR. MCHALE: Yes, sir. 13 MR. DUNCAN: Okay. I just want to 14 go through some of the things from the 15 neighborhood walk and the neighborhood watch. 16 Did Vito forward to you folks all of the 17 responses? 18 I just have a couple of questions 19 and then a couple updates because I got some 20 additional communication today when I got home 21 from work about one of the concerns. I know 22 Vito is not here tonight. And I know Joe 23 Lorince is not here. 24 But I still want to still push this 25 out here, let everybody hear. 516 Fourth</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>1 want that. I want the communication. 2 But the other folks are also calling 3 me concerned about the noise level and 4 everything going on in the back of this 5 property. So if we can at least pass it along 6 so that whoever can get up there, you know, I'm 7 sure they are not doing it on a day when it's 8 monsoon season. 9 But when dry seasons comes around 10 again probably in a few days maybe they'll be 11 back out. So whatever you have to do so we're 12 all on the same page. And then just a couple 13 other things and I'm glad Didge is here 14 tonight -- 15 MR. VERRASTRO: Gary, was that 516 16 or 416? 17 MR. NARDOZZI: 516. 18 MR. MCHALE: Okay. 19 MR. VERRASTRO: I -- when you said 20 it, I want to make sure I had it right. 21 MR. DUNCAN: I have a tendency to 22 talk fast. Tell me to slow it down and 23 certainly for you. I'll get you a copy. I 24 will e-mail you everything so that you have it. 25 That may make it a lot easier.</p>

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1 Didge, 113 Smith Street, did you get
 2 all of these? Did he send these to you? When
 3 I say him -- Vito. 113 Smith Street exposed
 4 utility cap. The response was DPW will assess
 5 which utility company.
 6 The same thing is at 612 East
 7 Drinker and 618 East Drinker. Those addresses
 8 have the caps, so whatever you can do just so
 9 that you're aware of that, okay? Just bear
 10 with me here I want to go through these.
 11 Oh, 2033 Delaware Street it's an
 12 abandoned home and needed a tidy up. The
 13 response was on a summer when help is hired.
 14 When does the help get hired? Anybody, sorry.
 15 I'm looking at you. Anybody.
 16 MR. MCHALE: We're trying to address
 17 that. Everybody is really in school right now
 18 so they're freeing up this week.
 19 MR. DUNCAN: So at the end of week
 20 hopefully?
 21 MR. MCHALE: We're hoping. We're
 22 trying to get them as soon as possible.
 23 MR. DUNCAN: You think a week?
 24 MR. MCHALE: By next Monday at least
 25 two of them are starting.

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1 MR. DUNCAN: I just want to know --
 2 MR. MCHALE: Understood.
 3 Understood.
 4 MR. DUNCAN: Thanks.
 5 MR. MCHALE: Five of them are being
 6 hired for grass cutting and --
 7 MR. DUNCAN: Great. The Adams
 8 Avenue, they are not here tonight. But the
 9 Adams and the Larch area and behind Nina's and
 10 every --
 11 MR. MCHALE: Joe will send a list
 12 and we'll take care of all of them.
 13 MR. DUNCAN: Thanks a lot. I
 14 appreciate it not just for myself, I'm speaking
 15 for everybody. The garbage collection fees, we
 16 talked about them a while ago. Where do we
 17 stand on that? I don't miss meetings. Maybe I
 18 fell asleep or was comatose.
 19 MR. HALLINAN: I spoke to Mr.
 20 Cummings and we are moving forward with
 21 collecting it. And we have been making some
 22 collections. They're starting off slowly. We
 23 had to purge the list because there was some,
 24 like, homes that were bought and weren't, you
 25 know, they shouldn't have been charged a fee or

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1 whatever.
 2 So he straightened all that out.
 3 From what I understand when I asked him last
 4 week that we are -- money is coming in from
 5 that and that's good.
 6 MR. DUNCAN: Do we have a time frame
 7 to remediate the entire situation or --
 8 MR. HALLINAN: We talked about that.
 9 I don't know if we, you know, we want to see
 10 how this is going before we take the next step.
 11 But obviously there will be a next step because
 12 it's not fair to the people that have been
 13 paying all of these years. And that's what
 14 we're trying to do.
 15 And we're not here to embarrass
 16 anybody by any means. But, you know, if you're
 17 in arrears, we're going to try to get this
 18 money whether we collect or lien, one way or
 19 the other. And that was my plan from day one
 20 along with the rest of Council.
 21 MR. DUNCAN: I still have a couple
 22 questions.
 23 MR. MCHALE: Please.
 24 MR. DUNCAN: The lights on the
 25 polls, I got the response from -- who is the

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1 new company? I saw Didge one day. I was
 2 getting off Tighe Street coming back from one
 3 of my patients and I saw Didge up on Tighe
 4 Street at the convenient.
 5 Drinker Street from the bank down,
 6 those lights are out. Who is the company now
 7 to replace the lights? I took -- I live there
 8 so I walk the dog that way. They were still
 9 out last night. Who is the new company that is
 10 going to take care of the new lights and --
 11 MR. HALLINAN: That's Joe Kries.
 12 MR. DUNCAN: And do we have a
 13 contact number for that?
 14 MR. MCHALE: Gary, we'll contact
 15 him.
 16 MR. DUNCAN: I just want to know
 17 what the policy is.
 18 MR. HALLINAN: And, Gary, not to
 19 sound like we're sidestepping you, what we also
 20 had a problem is, you know, one person calling
 21 this Council person so now what we want to do
 22 is get everything to either Vito or Sally Judge
 23 that would be.
 24 And then that way, there's one point
 25 for, you know, keeping it coordinated of what

<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>1 polls were contacted and which ones were fixed 2 and then he would report in. And what we're 3 asking him to do is even knock on the 4 neighbor's door or the person that's 5 complaining and say, hey, I was here or even 6 have a door tag and that this light has been 7 repaired. So we think it's a two-way street. 8 MR. DUNCAN: If I get tips from the 9 general public about it I'll just do what I did 10 and I'll forward it because these numbers West 11 Drinker Street -- and I provided the N numbers 12 to you folks, 115 West Drinker. And on one of 13 the polls at 119 West Drinker there's no N 14 number on the poll but the light most assuredly 15 is out. 16 That's a long dark stretch when 17 you're walking through there at night. It's 18 from the bank right across from Fidelity going 19 down to the next block towards the high school. 20 MR. HALLINAN: I'm wondering if it's 21 the -- what do you call them? Sometimes 22 they're on and other times they're not. 23 MR. DUNCAN: These are totally dark. 24 MR. HALLINAN: I know sometimes when 25 you make your complaints I ride around and</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>1 know, Tom, you and Nibs came in the past. So 2 certainly the more the merrier. But we really 3 do welcome you guys. 4 I think when you come with us and 5 you know it yourself, you see so much more on 6 the walk than if you drive through it at 5 or 7 10 miles an hour. So if you could find the 8 time, I'd appreciate it. 9 And then obviously the walk will be 10 Sunday, June 14th at noon. The next Dunmore 11 Neighborhood Watch meeting will be next Monday 12 here at 7:00. Again, I know you usually make 13 the meetings, so those of you that can make it. 14 Sal, I know you've been at them. We certainly 15 appreciate the fact that you show up and I 16 think the citizens show up. 17 One of the folks that always comes 18 to Dunmore Neighborhood Watch and never misses, 19 I got a call from her last night. She's Jeanne 20 Van Wert that lives up in the Bunker Hill 21 section. She's at the Dunmore Nursing home 22 right now, Dunmore rehab. 23 She had to have a leg amputated. 24 She called me up and told me why she can't 25 come to a neighborhood watch meeting. And</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>1 look. 2 MR. VERRASTRO: Call the Borough 3 office and ask for Sally Judge. That's the 4 most direct route. 5 MR. DUNCAN: Sally Judge. I guess 6 Monday to Friday she's there from 8:30 to -- 7 MR. VERRASTRO: Four. 8 MR. DUNCAN: We're almost done, 9 guys. The next community walk is going to be 10 held next Sunday, June the 14th, 2015. We're 11 going to park up at the Old Laurel Hill. For 12 those of you that were at the last neighborhood 13 watch meeting, we had a neighbor that came down 14 and was very vocal and had concerns in that 15 area. 16 So we're going to revisit the Mill 17 Street, Chestnut Street, Elm Street. We'll 18 take that entire corridor. We'll do what we 19 always do. We'll meet at noon. So any of you 20 folks that are free, we certainly -- Tim came 21 with us on the last walk and gave us a -- 22 protection on his motorcycle. 23 We were glad to have him with us 24 because he paved the way for us so-to-speak. 25 We were really glad to have him with us. And I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>1 she's so concerned about still what's going on. 2 We talked about the graffiti up by the bridge 3 at Carmella's and everything. 4 You know, even when folks can't be 5 at the meetings, I guess the analogy is it's 6 still important even to somebody who had a leg 7 amputated. So for those of you that pray, 8 keep Jeanne in your prayers because she's 9 really -- could benefit from the prayers right 10 now. 11 And we appreciate the involvement, 12 especially you folks that are always at our 13 neighborhood watch meetings and you folks that 14 come out to the neighborhood watch. A lot of 15 new faces here tonight and sorry if I don't 16 know you but there's a Dunmore Neighborhood 17 Watch Facebook page. 18 My name is Gary Duncan. Duncan, not 19 like the donut. It's on my Facebook page. So 20 you're all certainly more than welcome to join 21 us. I think the folks that come to our 22 meetings would say we give everybody an 23 opportunity to verbalize their concerns and we 24 actually do follow up on everything. Thanks a 25 lot guys.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>1 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Gary.</p> <p>2 MR. DUNCAN: I exceeded my five</p> <p>3 minutes for the first time in three years and</p> <p>4 change.</p> <p>5 MR. MCHALE: That's okay. Anybody</p> <p>6 from Mr. Valvano's office here tonight?</p> <p>7 (No response.)</p> <p>8 MR. MCHALE: Okay. Number 13 public</p> <p>9 comment on non agenda items. Just if real</p> <p>10 quick if we can -- not a lot of -- last time we</p> <p>11 had a lot of feedback. And we have a</p> <p>12 stenographer trying to take notes. Anybody who</p> <p>13 would like to speak, please just come up and</p> <p>14 state your name for the record so she could</p> <p>15 keep an accurate record. Thank you. Sir, go</p> <p>16 ahead.</p> <p>17 MR. MCGRAW: I want to thank</p> <p>18 Council. My name is Jim McGraw. I live at</p> <p>19 2028 Delaware Street. And I have been there</p> <p>20 for over 80 years. So I'm very familiar with</p> <p>21 Dunmore. And maybe a little over a month ago,</p> <p>22 Mr. Judge and DPW with the Council's approval</p> <p>23 put a stop sign about four houses up from</p> <p>24 Webster Street.</p> <p>25 And there's probably a lot of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>1 school and now school is out. And it's time to</p> <p>2 put the brakes on and pay attention to the</p> <p>3 children. We want to save lives. And they may</p> <p>4 be your children.</p> <p>5 And there is a state law that kids</p> <p>6 on a bicycle under 12 years old will have a</p> <p>7 helmet. And there's a lot of parents in</p> <p>8 Dunmore that didn't go out and buy the kids a</p> <p>9 helmet and they are out on the street where</p> <p>10 they could be seriously injured.</p> <p>11 And if it wasn't for the Borough and</p> <p>12 Mr. Judge getting that stop sign, maybe I would</p> <p>13 be going 20 miles an hour and strike that</p> <p>14 child. And how he stopped is he hit the curb</p> <p>15 in front of Tommy's. And I said, oh my God to</p> <p>16 my wife that if he goes off that bike he's</p> <p>17 going to have a fractured skull. No helmet.</p> <p>18 And Joe Finnerty lost a child maybe what, 15,</p> <p>19 20 years ago -- fell off the bike, fractured</p> <p>20 skull, died.</p> <p>21 And that's how serious it is. And</p> <p>22 people could come to this Council meeting and</p> <p>23 claim, oh, we have stop signs every so many</p> <p>24 blocks. They have them because people don't</p> <p>25 obey the speed limit. You're out there and</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>1 Dunmoreans that say why do we have to have a</p> <p>2 stop sign say a hundred yards up from Webster?</p> <p>3 Well, I'll tell you why.</p> <p>4 I was driving up there about maybe</p> <p>5 two weeks ago. And if that stop sign wasn't</p> <p>6 there, there would be a boy on Barton Street</p> <p>7 dead. We're concerned about other problems in</p> <p>8 the town, but there's certain things that have</p> <p>9 to be done immediately when it's safety. And</p> <p>10 they responded and it saved the boy.</p> <p>11 Now four houses up there's an</p> <p>12 alleyway right across if you are familiar with</p> <p>13 Tommy Golden's old funeral home, two boys come</p> <p>14 down on bicycles. And the one boy leading was</p> <p>15 racing. And I'm familiar there. And I was</p> <p>16 going about 10 miles an hour. I hit the</p> <p>17 brakes, blew the horn.</p> <p>18 And it took that kid approximately</p> <p>19 40 feet to stop. By the time he applied the</p> <p>20 brakes, there was a car parked that I was</p> <p>21 further down but if it was anybody else because</p> <p>22 I live on that street and I see people in the</p> <p>23 Sixth Ward coming up there 20, 30 miles an</p> <p>24 hour.</p> <p>25 They are racing to get kids to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">32</p> <p>1 you're in a hurry and you're the only one in</p> <p>2 the town that has to go fast. Well, there's</p> <p>3 kids living in this town that you have to obey</p> <p>4 the speed limits and help the policemen out.</p> <p>5 And I'll come up on two addresses</p> <p>6 now that I'm finished with that. It's 2032</p> <p>7 that house in the alley that Frankie died and I</p> <p>8 think maybe the bank owns it that the property</p> <p>9 needs to be kept up. And then across the drug</p> <p>10 house that was on Delaware Street at 2031 and</p> <p>11 33, it's overgrown now with brush and so on.</p> <p>12 And when you get time, we'd</p> <p>13 appreciate you taking care of it. And I know</p> <p>14 you will. But for anybody in this town that</p> <p>15 complains about the stop sign, when you save a</p> <p>16 life, you did a hell of a good thing and you're</p> <p>17 to be complimented.</p> <p>18 MR. MCHALE: Thanks.</p> <p>19 MR. HALLINAN: Thanks.</p> <p>20 MR. BURKE: Thanks, Mr. McGraw.</p> <p>21 MR. NARDOZZI: Thanks.</p> <p>22 MR. HALLINAN: Michael, was there</p> <p>23 a -- did we used to have a free helmet giveaway</p> <p>24 or something like that at the police station?</p> <p>25 MR. VERRASTRO: Last year I believe</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">33</p> <p>1 Sabia's garage gave them out.</p> <p>2 MR. MCHALE: Captain Springer, do</p> <p>3 you --</p> <p>4 MR. HALLINAN: Would that be</p> <p>5 happening again this year, do you know -- a</p> <p>6 helmet giveaway for --</p> <p>7 CAPT. SPRINGER: I couldn't hear the</p> <p>8 question.</p> <p>9 MR. HALLINAN: Bicycle helmets</p> <p>10 giveaway. I think they used to have it every</p> <p>11 year or something.</p> <p>12 CAPT. SPRINGER: There's grants for</p> <p>13 that. So I'll get together with the Chief and</p> <p>14 I'll look and see if there's a grant. And I'll</p> <p>15 have him get back to you.</p> <p>16 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.</p> <p>17 MR. HALLINAN: Or like you said,</p> <p>18 Sabia sponsored it, whoever.</p> <p>19 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.</p> <p>20 MR. HALLINAN: But thank you. Thank</p> <p>21 you, Bill.</p> <p>22 MR. VERRASTRO: Don't get her mad.</p> <p>23 She didn't start.</p> <p>24 MS. HALLINAN: I didn't start yet.</p> <p>25 Don't get me mad. My name is Kelly Burke</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">35</p> <p>1 to be connected by the Borough to a small sewer</p> <p>2 branch line originally designated to just a few</p> <p>3 single family homes within my neighborhood.</p> <p>4 Overwhelming of the sewer branch</p> <p>5 line is a health hazard. By allowing all of</p> <p>6 this to continue, the Borough can be held</p> <p>7 responsible for placing our health and safety</p> <p>8 in jeopardy, decrease our property values and</p> <p>9 our right to quiet enjoyment of our homes.</p> <p>10 Our once beautiful sought after</p> <p>11 neighborhood now has abandon property and</p> <p>12 dwellings in deplorable condition due to them</p> <p>13 being nothing more than money making rental</p> <p>14 businesses.</p> <p>15 Absentee landlords and their tenants</p> <p>16 lack the pride in your home and neighborhood</p> <p>17 mentality that Madison Avenue homeowners have</p> <p>18 always lived by. Dunmore is slowly losing its</p> <p>19 sense of community by all of these factors. We</p> <p>20 should not as taxpayers have to plead for your</p> <p>21 service and correction of this matter.</p> <p>22 The ordinances are clearly written,</p> <p>23 recorded, and posted online with confirmation</p> <p>24 with no amendments for our block. I checked</p> <p>25 with Mr. Lorince and he told me there are no</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">34</p> <p>1 Hallinan, homeowner in the 1700 block of</p> <p>2 Madison Avenue. At the last meeting I informed</p> <p>3 Council about illegal conversions of single</p> <p>4 family homes into multiunit apartment buildings</p> <p>5 being allowed by zoning in a restricted single</p> <p>6 family zoned neighborhood as designated by</p> <p>7 Dunmore's own zoning map.</p> <p>8 The Zoning Code Enforcement Officer</p> <p>9 has yet to provide me with requested proof of</p> <p>10 legality and variances for these properties.</p> <p>11 Logically if, in fact, required documentation</p> <p>12 does exist, it would have been presented to me</p> <p>13 by now.</p> <p>14 I have been requesting this</p> <p>15 information since July of 2013. Pennsylvania</p> <p>16 open records laws and Pennsylvania Municipality</p> <p>17 Codes have been broken by Dunmore's Code</p> <p>18 Enforcement Officer. You'll find that</p> <p>19 information in these highlighted areas within</p> <p>20 our ordinances that are posted online for</p> <p>21 public record.</p> <p>22 Serious issues, detrimental to our</p> <p>23 health and welfare have since began. In</p> <p>24 addition to the current rat problem, these</p> <p>25 three-unit rental buildings have been allowed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">36</p> <p>1 amendments for the 1700 block of Madison</p> <p>2 Avenue.</p> <p>3 Years of nonenforcement of our</p> <p>4 municipality's ordinances is visible within our</p> <p>5 neighborhood and many others. Mr. Lorince has</p> <p>6 refused to act or perform his duty as required</p> <p>7 by law. The Borough's officials must correct</p> <p>8 the situation caused by a salary employee that</p> <p>9 Dunmore Council had hired for these duties.</p> <p>10 And someone had asked me then where</p> <p>11 my petition was last time if it was such a big</p> <p>12 deal. So here's a petition signed by 30 other</p> <p>13 homeowners in the 1700 block of Madison Avenue.</p> <p>14 I have proof of the decrease of property values</p> <p>15 in our block alone.</p> <p>16 I have a list of properties in</p> <p>17 Dunmore that are listed and online on</p> <p>18 multi-list realty for over a year. And it</p> <p>19 shows a decrease in values in those also. But</p> <p>20 I contacted the Sewer Authority as far as the</p> <p>21 sewer line goes in my statement. That came</p> <p>22 from the Sewer Authority.</p> <p>23 As far as rats in sewers, rats are</p> <p>24 in all sewers. They only live and choose to go</p> <p>25 to a neighborhood where they have access to</p>

1 nesting and they have available food source.
 2 So the last time -- and since 2013 I keep
 3 telling everyone about garbage. There's
 4 transient tenants or six monthers. Six to nine
 5 months they are in and out.

6 They don't own garbage cans so the
 7 garbage is left on their back porches, on the
 8 sides of houses, and then out on the street all
 9 night. So the rats definitely have food
 10 source.

11 What I'd like to know is, you know,
 12 I provided more than enough information. These
 13 are ordinances that are for the public to read,
 14 public record posted on Dunmore Borough dot
 15 org. I'm showing you the violations. And I
 16 got one line from Joe Lorince and one line from
 17 anyone that spoke to Joe Lorince. And that is
 18 they are all legal.

19 But I have yet to get any kind of
 20 documentation that would stop me to continue
 21 going on this. And through this and through
 22 going to people's houses, there's a lot more
 23 people. You're going to get North Webster
 24 Avenue people here. You're going to get Monroe
 25 Avenue people here.

1 MR. HALLINAN: And, Kelly -- she's
 2 my relative just to make everybody -- we have
 3 been down there. I have been there with
 4 Michael Dempsey. Carol's been there. Timmy
 5 Burke's been down there. We have been there
 6 with the Sewer Authority.

7 We met in your kitchen. We've
 8 walked through the neighborhood. You're
 9 absolutely correct. We don't want to lose any
 10 neighborhoods to this kind of activity. We do
 11 have a meeting. So everybody knows, we do have
 12 a meeting set up tomorrow at -- Wednesday at
 13 10:00 with Mr. Lorince and Kelly.

14 And we're going to talk about it, go
 15 through it and try to move forward and
 16 straighten out this problem. It's not like
 17 we're sitting on our hands and not doing
 18 anything. You know that we're down there and
 19 we're trying to move forward and, you know,
 20 take this and straighten it out.

21 MS. HALLINAN: And I appreciate
 22 anyone that came down, you know, and it was a
 23 big deal and you saw for yourself what
 24 condition the neighborhood and the homes were
 25 in. But the next call I got was that

1 inspectors were going to come and inspect the
 2 illegal three-unit apartment building that's
 3 illegal and its distance from my home.

4 And then the inspection, the few
 5 minor things went with flying colors. It's not
 6 to be there. Two units can be there but not
 7 three.

8 MR. HALLINAN: And I'm not going to
 9 argue with you about this. I'm not schooled in
 10 it. But I will tell you this, we're going to
 11 sit down Wednesday. We're going to present
 12 your side. We'll hear his side. And then
 13 we're just going to move forward to the
 14 attorneys or whoever we have to move with.

15 But it will be straightened out.
 16 And you're absolutely correct. We don't want
 17 to lose neighborhoods to this kind of activity.
 18 This is how it starts. And this is what -- how
 19 you lose neighborhoods and communities. And we
 20 don't want to do that, not in Dunmore.

21 MS. HALLINAN: And that's what's
 22 happening.

23 MR. HALLINAN: Absolutely. I
 24 couldn't agree with you more. I don't think
 25 anybody that's been down there with us when we

1 talked about this felt any other way besides
 2 that. We have to straighten out the
 3 neighborhood and that's what we're going to try
 4 to do, okay?

5 MS. HALLINAN: Thank you.

6 MR. HALLINAN: Thank you, Kelly.

7 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

8 MR. MCHALE: Thank you.

9 MR. CLARK: Pat Clark, Jefferson
 10 Avenue, Dunmore. First I'd like to thank Chris
 11 Kearney and his staff. Friends of Lackawanna
 12 had a meeting here a couple weeks ago and
 13 Chris and his staff as usual had it in perfect
 14 order for us.

15 It worked out great. So, Chris,
 16 thank you very much. Everything worked out
 17 wonderfully. Second, the DEP is having a
 18 second open house meeting for the public. It's
 19 next Monday, June 15th from 6 to 10 p.m. at the
 20 Mid Valley High School. So if you guys are
 21 available please attend. Obviously you know
 22 where we stand on that issue.

23 Third question is, last meeting Tim
 24 had mentioned that he's waiting on legal
 25 opinion from I think it was Attorney Jones on

<p style="text-align: right;">41</p> <p>1 the ability or lack thereof to write a letter</p> <p>2 to DEP opposing the landfill. Did we get a</p> <p>3 return letter from -- opinion on that?</p> <p>4 MR. MCHALE: Tim.</p> <p>5 MR. BURKE: He hasn't contacted me</p> <p>6 in over a month, Pat.</p> <p>7 MR. CLARK: So the attorney we're</p> <p>8 paying to represent us on negotiations with the</p> <p>9 dump we ask their opinion and we didn't even</p> <p>10 get a response.</p> <p>11 MR. VERRASTRO: What was the</p> <p>12 question? I'm sorry, I was reading something.</p> <p>13 MR. CLARK: Last meeting there</p> <p>14 was -- two meetings ago I guess Tim made a</p> <p>15 motion for the Borough to send a letter to DEP.</p> <p>16 And then it never got to a vote.</p> <p>17 It was agreed that you're going to</p> <p>18 send it to Attorney Jones for his legal opinion</p> <p>19 on validity of sending a letter or not. We</p> <p>20 sent a letter to Attorney Jones, right, seeking</p> <p>21 his opinion on that?</p> <p>22 MR. MCHALE: I don't believe a</p> <p>23 letter was sent, Pat. I think a phone call was</p> <p>24 made.</p> <p>25 MR. CLARK: You communicated somehow</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">43</p> <p>1 We'll move to public officials. Mr. Judge, do</p> <p>2 you have anything tonight?</p> <p>3 MR. JUDGE: No, nothing.</p> <p>4 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Kearney.</p> <p>5 MR. KEARNEY: Nothing.</p> <p>6 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else here?</p> <p>7 Mr. Dempsey, do you want to lead us off</p> <p>8 tonight?</p> <p>9 MR. DEMPSEY: Yeah, the only thing</p> <p>10 I -- first I just want to thank Dick Goldberg</p> <p>11 and Lars Anderson for their service to the</p> <p>12 Borough for over the last how ever many years</p> <p>13 they have been doing our employment work.</p> <p>14 They did a great job. We thought it</p> <p>15 was better to go in a new direction and, you</p> <p>16 know, get some fresh eyes gone on what's going</p> <p>17 on and see if we can get a better handle on it.</p> <p>18 Second thing I want to bring up is</p> <p>19 Perry's Learning Academy I've gotten a couple</p> <p>20 calls from parents, teachers that -- Perry's</p> <p>21 Learning Academy has about 200 students. She</p> <p>22 gets students from Dunmore dropped off there.</p> <p>23 She gets students from Head Start dropped off</p> <p>24 there, Marywood.</p> <p>25 And they're having a problem on the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">42</p> <p>1 with him.</p> <p>2 MR. BURKE: I telephoned him. And</p> <p>3 he said he would get back to me on it, Pat.</p> <p>4 And he never got back to me.</p> <p>5 MR. CLARK: So we have no answer.</p> <p>6 Okay. I mean, just the public comment period</p> <p>7 ends June 15th. So that is Monday. So it</p> <p>8 seems as though we're not going to be sending</p> <p>9 anything at that point. There's no more</p> <p>10 meetings schedule?</p> <p>11 MR. MCHALE: Not before June 15th.</p> <p>12 MR. CLARK: Okay. It seems like a</p> <p>13 pretty big item to just get no response on</p> <p>14 given the importance to the community. I</p> <p>15 applaud you for getting Council on board that's</p> <p>16 going to be proactive in other matters.</p> <p>17 I would suggest that an issue that</p> <p>18 big when a question is asked, an answer should</p> <p>19 be given in a timely fashion, especially when</p> <p>20 there's a deadline on it from a public</p> <p>21 perception as well. Thanks.</p> <p>22 MR. MCHALE: Anybody else like to</p> <p>23 speak to Council tonight?</p> <p>24 (Nobody response.)</p> <p>25 MR. MCHALE: Nobody else? Okay.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">44</p> <p>1 the 100 block of Prospect. And I drop my kids</p> <p>2 off there not every morning but, you know, a</p> <p>3 couple mornings a week and I see people</p> <p>4 speeding up and down that street.</p> <p>5 So we're going to start</p> <p>6 investigating as to how just to make that a</p> <p>7 school zone. I don't know if it's, you know,</p> <p>8 getting a couple signs with flashers on it.</p> <p>9 But, Captain, any suggestion that you could</p> <p>10 give, happy to take it.</p> <p>11 But we're going to take the ball and</p> <p>12 run with that and make that a school zone if</p> <p>13 that is at all possible. So I just wanted to</p> <p>14 bring that to everybody's attention because I</p> <p>15 did get a couple phone calls. But other than</p> <p>16 that, I don't have anything else.</p> <p>17 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Hallinan.</p> <p>18 MR. HALLINAN: I really don't have</p> <p>19 anything Boroughwise. I mean, I'm happy we're</p> <p>20 getting police vehicles. I'm looking forward</p> <p>21 when we could put -- I know we're still waiting</p> <p>22 on some results. It's what I ran on. I want</p> <p>23 to put more police out on the streets. Kelly</p> <p>24 and Jerry and the neighbors of the 1700 Madison</p> <p>25 believe, we have to save our neighborhoods.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">45</p> <p>1 This can be an ongoing problem.</p> <p>2 I've seen it across the street from my house</p> <p>3 where, you know, somebody tries to make an</p> <p>4 apartment and you have to actually stop it.</p> <p>5 But -- and that's about it. And the only other</p> <p>6 thing is we had a fundraiser.</p> <p>7 I announced it at the last meeting</p> <p>8 for Make A Wish and we reached our goal. We</p> <p>9 raised \$10,000 and granted three children's</p> <p>10 wishes which is phenomenal. So I would like to</p> <p>11 thank everybody that helped with that endeavor.</p> <p>12 Thank you.</p> <p>13 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Nardozzi.</p> <p>14 MR. NARDOZZI: I have nothing, Mr.</p> <p>15 Chairman.</p> <p>16 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Verrastro.</p> <p>17 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes. Paul -- I</p> <p>18 think maybe we should try exploring getting our</p> <p>19 fire inspector involved with these code</p> <p>20 enforcement things, especially if we get a</p> <p>21 police call, maybe have our fire marshal going</p> <p>22 out on these dwellings with our code</p> <p>23 enforcement officer and see exactly which code</p> <p>24 we're enforcing, whether it's a 2006 or 2009.</p> <p>25 I'm sure they are already fairly</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">47</p> <p>1 the meeting Wednesday, okay?</p> <p>2 MR. MCHALE: That's a great idea.</p> <p>3 MR. HALLINAN: Can we get them at</p> <p>4 the meeting Wednesday? Is he on shift?</p> <p>5 MR. MCHALE: They're off today and</p> <p>6 tomorrow.</p> <p>7 MR. VERRASTRO: He should be back by</p> <p>8 then.</p> <p>9 MR. HALLINAN: Will you get to him,</p> <p>10 Sal?</p> <p>11 MR. VERRASTRO: Yes, I will call --</p> <p>12 yeah, I'll --</p> <p>13 MR. HALLINAN: Tell them meeting</p> <p>14 Wednesday at the Borough Building at 10:00.</p> <p>15 Thank you.</p> <p>16 MR. VERRASTRO: Okay. Secondly, for</p> <p>17 next year I think we need to do this this year</p> <p>18 to get an accurate number for it. So maybe we</p> <p>19 could have something by our next meeting or</p> <p>20 even the August meeting.</p> <p>21 I'd like to try to get some roads</p> <p>22 paved for next year. And I think they're</p> <p>23 putting it out to bid this year with next</p> <p>24 year's numbers on it and give us an accurate</p> <p>25 number for our budget.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">46</p> <p>1 familiar with it. But I think this is what</p> <p>2 Scranton kind of does. I think they have the</p> <p>3 fire marshal going. They have their zoning</p> <p>4 officer going and they have the building</p> <p>5 inspector go in when there's a type of call</p> <p>6 that a house becomes a problem.</p> <p>7 MR. HALLINAN: Can we have it at our</p> <p>8 meeting Wednesday morning?</p> <p>9 MR. MCHALE: I don't mean to</p> <p>10 interrupt you. And I don't want to go back and</p> <p>11 forth. Did you not say that the third floor</p> <p>12 does not have a fire escape? Last time, didn't</p> <p>13 you say that? I don't want to go back and</p> <p>14 forth because I don't want to get yelled at</p> <p>15 again. Is that true?</p> <p>16 MS. HALLINAN: On a few properties.</p> <p>17 MR. MCHALE: Right there, you're</p> <p>18 right.</p> <p>19 MR. VERRASTRO: So I mean, with</p> <p>20 certain codes older houses may be exempt from</p> <p>21 it because it was grandfathered in before a</p> <p>22 certain time. We need to get them in and get</p> <p>23 them --</p> <p>24 MR. MCHALE: That's a great idea.</p> <p>25 MR. HALLINAN: I would like them at</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">48</p> <p>1 So maybe if we talk about say for</p> <p>2 instance Grove Street is deplorable. So if we</p> <p>3 get a bid for Grove Street, we get a bid for</p> <p>4 five or six others. If it comes out to 500,000</p> <p>5 and we only want to spend 300,000, at least we</p> <p>6 know which ones we're going to do. We get it</p> <p>7 put out to bid and we have it in the budget</p> <p>8 properly for next year because they're all</p> <p>9 starting to go.</p> <p>10 MR. HALLINAN: And again, I mean, we</p> <p>11 can go on about this. Just from my PennDOT</p> <p>12 experience, Sal, what PennDOT is starting to</p> <p>13 do anymore instead of paving a whole street</p> <p>14 just almost taking out the bad part anymore and</p> <p>15 saving money that way instead of doing half a</p> <p>16 lane or whatever.</p> <p>17 MR. VERRASTRO: Yeah, like up by</p> <p>18 Parodi Cigar, we're trying to get people to go</p> <p>19 into the Industrial Park. But if you drive</p> <p>20 through the Industrial Park you need to almost</p> <p>21 put your vehicle in four wheel drive in certain</p> <p>22 parts.</p> <p>23 MR. HALLINAN: Top of Potter Street</p> <p>24 is a mess at Chestnut Street.</p> <p>25 MR. VERRASTRO: So maybe even if</p>

1 we're doing 50 foot sections or streets or
2 repairs. I think we should get a game plan
3 together, get an approximate price that we can
4 put into the budget so that for next year when
5 we approve the streets, we're at least close.

6 And it's not -- we put a certain
7 amount of money aside and it's only going to
8 take care of a road or two roads or we might
9 weigh it out and balance it differently. But I
10 think we should have an approximate number to
11 make it easier for next year's budget for
12 plugging it in.

13 So if you guys want to start to when
14 you're driving around pay attention, see what
15 you think. Let's get a game plan together and
16 put this out to bid. Other than that, thank
17 you everybody for coming. And have a good
18 night.

19 MR. MCHALE: Mr. Burke.

20 MR. BURKE: Kelly, you said that Joe
21 never gave you any documentation on --

22 MS. HALLINAN: The only thing I just
23 sent a registered letter and he sent me back an
24 inspection signed by a man that used to own the
25 house next door to me from 2005. He died

1 since. It's just an inspection. There's no
2 variances. There's no nonconforming use.
3 There's no declaration of anything. He's just
4 giving me inspections saying I inspected it
5 myself.

6 And he actually told me I allowed it
7 to be a three-unit. I said, Joe, you can't.
8 You want to put a kitchen in on the third
9 floor. Joe, kitchens can't be added after the
10 ordinance. There's an ordinance. I have it
11 highlighted in that packet. And he said, well,
12 I did in the past.

13 I said you weren't supposed to. So
14 that's the only thing he gave me from the house
15 next door was from 2005 and he gave me another
16 one from 2004 that I have here. But the only
17 reason I got those was I sent him a registered
18 letter because he will not respond to phone
19 calls.

20 When I go up to the building he
21 tells them to say he left. And I see his truck
22 there. And I sent countless e-mails. He just
23 won't respond. I sent a registered letter and
24 all he sent me was old inspections, which I
25 didn't ask for inspections. I asked for

1 variances, you know, anything with
2 nonconform -- any type of legality that is
3 existing. Just because it's inspected doesn't
4 mean it's put there legally.

5 You could inspect anything. But it
6 doesn't belong there just like sending John
7 Murray and an inspector down to the house next
8 door to me. It's not the idea whether they're
9 safe or not. That's great for the tenants --
10 (inaudible.)

11 The idea is there's not supposed to
12 be a third unit there. So the inspection
13 really don't mean much to me. Yeah, it's
14 great. You know, but as far as the fires,
15 yeah, I already have complaint forms filled out
16 to send to the UCC.

17 Dunmore is opted in with the UCC.
18 And there are codes not being followed with the
19 UCC. So I already started filling out
20 complaint forms for what Sal just said
21 properties that do not have means of egress
22 from second and third floors.

23 And I reported those in 2013. And
24 he said they don't have to. I also have -- I
25 mean, I'm trying to tell Joe I grew up there.

1 So I know every family that was there. I could
2 get them in here to tell you, no, before this
3 year this was not a three-unit.

4 Joan Demuro lived in two of the
5 houses, two families. They were never three.
6 So someone illegally put them in or someone
7 signed a paper saying okay now you're legal
8 without it being proper. There's a certain
9 way.

10 It's supposed to be posted a certain
11 way. I mean, it's all highlighted. They're
12 supposed to be posted. There's supposed to be
13 letters of variances, taxpayers surrounding the
14 properties that are converted they're supposed
15 to get letters but only in a R3 and less
16 district.

17 We are in a restricted district. So
18 it's not to happen at all in our zone. So they
19 are not legal no matter what he says or what
20 paperwork he has, they are not legal because
21 they don't belong there.

22 In the case where someone has land
23 and there is a variance if it's requested, it
24 has to be due to a hardship. Well, Attorney
25 Foley that has several other rental buildings

1 that can't rent two units instead of three next
2 door to me, that is certainly not hardship to
3 him. And Dawn Baldassari and her husband that
4 bought the house across the street and there's
5 a third apartment in there.

6 They don't have any problems because
7 they have several other buildings. If it was a
8 family, a guy with six kids that wanted to add
9 a kitchen somewhere or another bathroom,
10 different. Single family homes belong right
11 there in that zone. But, no, three units don't
12 belong in anything except for an R3. We're in
13 R1B.

14 They don't belong there. So they
15 could be inspected and everything that happened
16 it should not be there. And he can't pull any
17 kind of variance. I haven't seen one. He
18 can't correct it. It's his duty to correct it.

19 MR. VERRASTRO: Was any of this done
20 before the late 90s? We did a rezoning of the
21 Borough. I can't remember the date.

22 MR. NARDOZZI: '99.

23 MR. VERRASTRO: Were they there
24 before then?

25 MS. HALLINAN: They were all done

1 after that. Joan Guarnari she lived there.
2 She lived at two different properties that I
3 had given you the addresses of last time and
4 they were two. The house next door to me it
5 was always a two family. They only have two
6 addresses.

7 Kernan's house, I reported to Joe
8 they were changing. It's 1731. Well, now
9 there is two tenants in that they made into a
10 two unit and one is a single --

11 MR. VERRASTRO: I was just curious
12 of when it was.

13 MS. HALLINAN: The girl doesn't live
14 there. She moved to Connecticut. So there's
15 another absentee landlord. And the weeds are
16 growing up like this in the yard and the whole
17 bit. It continues because it's being allowed
18 to continue.

19 MR. MCHALE: Anything else, Tim?

20 MR. BURKE: Didge, the stop signs,
21 you have been talking to Mr. Valenta{sic}?

22 MR. JUDGE: Yeah. He's not there
23 all the time. I go by three times a day. I
24 used to see him. I'll get him.

25 MR. BURKE: I'll give him your

1 number, okay?

2 MR. JUDGE: We have stop signs.

3 MR. BURKE: Thank you. Pat, as far
4 as your question Mr. Jones never getting back
5 to me, I will write him a letter. I think he
6 would have called me back if he found any
7 legalities which he said he would call me back
8 if he found any legalities.

9 But I will send him a letter myself
10 for an update, which I already sent one but
11 I'll send another. That's all I have.

12 MR. MCHALE: Mrs. Scrimalli.

13 MS. SCRIMALLI: I do believe that,
14 Joan, you did want to tell us something?

15 MR. MCHALE: Ma'am, can you -- at
16 least for the record could you state your name
17 and address?

18 MS. DEMURO: Joan Demuro, Foote
19 Street, Dunmore, PA 18512.

20 MR. MCHALE: I apologize.

21 MS. DEMURO: I grew up on Madison
22 Avenue. That neighborhood never looked so bad.
23 I do gown Kelly's and stuff. She took us for a
24 walk down street. It's like slum. Never
25 looked like that ever. Monroe Avenue doesn't

1 look -- it used look like Monroe used to look
2 up higher -- never looked -- it used to be the
3 Hollywood section in Dunmore. That is a
4 scum -- I wouldn't want my kids growing up down
5 there -- would not.

6 I see other parts of Dunmore turning
7 in that. They are letting too much trash into
8 Dunmore. They are. And it's the landlords.
9 That has to be fixed. You have got walls open,
10 houses with no windows in them. You've got a
11 house across the street with bilco doors right
12 in the front. And the houses, there was no
13 triple families living.

14 There were single houses. It's a
15 mess. It's a mess. Joe Lorince -- I know Joe.
16 I don't know what he's getting paid for because
17 he's not doing his job. He's broken every
18 single ordinance in the borough -- in the
19 Borough of Dunmore. So you need to do
20 something with Joe.

21 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you for
22 speaking up. Thank you for coming. And thank
23 you for your courage to speak out. It does
24 take a lot of courage so thank you. And I also
25 want to congratulate Vince Amico. Mr. Amico,

1 congratulations on your win.

2 MR. AMICO: Thank you.

3 MS. SCRIMALLI: And that's all I
4 have for tonight.

5 MR. MCHALE: Thank you, Mrs.
6 Scrimalli. I really don't have much to add
7 other than at the Sewer Authority meeting last
8 week just -- it's a timely subject because they
9 did a great dedication to the Vietnam War
10 memorial. It's beautiful up there -- Korean
11 war, I apologize.

12 And the Sewer Authority is going for
13 a grant to beautify that area even for more and
14 help the water runoff in the area. There's
15 renderings to do so. It actually it turned out
16 to be -- make beautiful area even more
17 beautiful if and when -- they are pretty
18 optimistic they'll get the grant.

19 And it's about a hundred thousand
20 dollar project that will beautify that area and
21 solve a lot of the runoff problems that are
22 habitually down there. So just to give you
23 guys an update and we'll let you know if and
24 when it passes.

25 I have nothing else for this

1 evening. Anybody like to make a motion to
2 adjourn?

3 MR. NARDOZZI: So moved.

4 MR. VERRASTRO: So moved.

5 MR. MCHALE: Second?

6 MR. HALLINAN: Second.

7 MR. MCHALE: We're adjourned.

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